

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TOHRU IKEDA ) : Examiner: R. Zhu  
Application No.: 10/764,524 ) : Group Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: January 27, 2004 ) :  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING ) :  
METHOD : January 16, 2009

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated October 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: